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Rome, Febr. 4. *N. S.*

THE Examinations of the Persons concerned in the Design of Assassinating the Marquis *del Vasto* are taken, and the Pope has ordered them to be proceeded against with the utmost Severity. The said Marquis continues in the Imperial Ambassador's House for his Security, and 'tis said he will go with the Detachment Prince *Eugene* intends to send to the Kingdom of *Naples*; and that he has a Commission from the Emperor to command the Horse as Lieutenant General. Count *Lamberg* received an Express this week from Prince *Eugene*, upon which he had Audience of the Pope, to desire that the *Germans* might be supplied with Corn and other Provisions from the *Ferrarese*, which the Pope has consented to, and Orders are sent accordingly to the Legate of *Ferrara*. Signior *Fieschi*, the Pope's Nuncio Extraordinary to the *French* Court, and Signior *Zandedary*, who goes in the same Quality to the Court of *Spain*, began their respective Journeys this week. They write from *Naples*, that their Vice-Roy makes what Provision he can for the Defence of that Kingdom, and that he has sent away most of the Troops which were in and about *Naples* to strengthen the Frontier Garisons, and has given Directions to the Duke *d'Atry*, Governor of the Province of *Abruzzo*, to draw together the Militia to guard the Passes, and sent a *French* Engineer to view several of the Frontier Towns, and to give the necessary Orders for their being fortified; But the People shew every day more and more their Aversion to the *French*, and seem to wait only for a good opportunity to declare for the Emperor. The four Frigats which Count *d'Estrees* left behind him on the Coast of *Naples* put to Sea the 27th past, in order to return likewise to *Toulon*.

Venice, Febr. 4. The Carnaval is begun, and occasions the Resort of a great number of Strangers to this City. Orders are dispatched to *Dalmatia*, for sending over of 1500 Horse and 1000 Foot from thence to reinforce the Garisons of *Verona*, and other Frontier Towns of this State. Our Preparations at Sea are continued; and to support these extraordinary Expences several new Taxes are to be raised. According to our last Accounts from *Mantua*, there happen frequent Disputes between the *French* Garison and the Inhabitants, and they wanted fresh Provisions and Necessaries, the Place being closely blocked up by the *Germans*.

From the Imperial Head Quarters at Luzzaro, *Febr.* 6. The 4th Instant, it was confirmed by our Intelligence, that the Enemy had abandoned their Posts on the Oglio, except Gazolo and Bozolo. Prince Eugene went to visit the Places we are Masters of on this side the Oglio, and being at Campidello, he received Advice, that the Enemy had abandoned Gazolo; He thereupon went thither, and found the Castle as well as the Town in a very good Condition, and placed there a Garison of three Battalions. The Enemy left behind them in that Place the Boats and all the Materials they had provided for making a Bridge; as also 80 Sacks of Meal, and some Ammunition; Soon after Advice came also, that the French had abandoned Bozolo; A Party was immediately sent to know the truth of it, and it being found true, a Detachment were ordered to possess themselves of that Place; which was done accordingly, and they found there 200 Loads of Hay, as many Sacks of Meal, 30 Barrels of Gunpowder, with a proportionable quantity of Bullets, and other Ammunition. Orders were given likewise for taking Post in the other Places that should be abandoned by the French. The 5th, we were informed, that the Enemy had quitted Casal-Maggiore, as likewise St. Martino, Torre-d'Oglio, and Viadana, and that they left in these Places a good quantity of Provisions and Ammunition. The Country People say, they cannot describe with what Confusion the Enemy after the Action of Cremona abandoned those Places. Prince Eugene returned hither this evening, having ordered a new Redoubt to be made at Torre-d'Oglio. The 6th, Prince Vaudemont sent Advice, that he had made himself Master of Bussetto, a considerable Place, where he took 152 Prisoners, most of them Irish, and found 6000 Sacks of Oats. Count Guido of Staremberg was sent from hence to view all the Places the French have abandoned. This day were brought hither 7 Standards, and two pair of Kettle-Drums, which were taken from the French in Cremona.

Vienna, Febr. 11. The Regiments of Horse of *Gronsveld* and *Hohenzellerne*, the Regiment of *Solary*, and another Regiment of Foot, which are all quartered in *Hungary* and *Transilvania*, are ordered to march forthwith to *Italy*, and more Forces will be very speedily sent thither. A great number of Pontons made of Leather, of a new Invention, very useful and light of Carriage, are sent to *Italy* for the use of our Forces there. Orders are given for hastening the Preparations for the Campagne on the *Rhine*, and particularly for providing great Magazines of Provisions and Ammunition on that side for the Service of the Imperial Forces. Adjutant General *Charee* arrived here this week from the Imperial Army in *Italy*, to give the Emperor an Account of the Action at *Cremona*; He had the Charge of conducting Marshal *Villeroy* to *Ustiano*, where Prince *Eugene* made him